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To whom it may concern,

I have two brief suggestions on modifications to the DOJ/Microsoft settlement that would be beneficial to consumers and to the software industry.

File Formats

All windows file formats should published so that competing developers can make compatible applications available to the public. This would make it more difficult for Microsoft to maintain its monopoly because competitors could make applications that are compatible with Microsoft Office.

API

All Windows Application Programming interfaces should be made available to all developers. This would allow developers to produce competing applications in a more equal environment. Also, this information should be freely usable by competitors such as Sun Microsystems and Lindows. This would allow developers to produce competing operating systems in a more equal environment.

Thank you for you time,
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